

BLANCETT TRIAL IS UNDER WAY

Mothers of Slain and Accused Men Suffer Deeply; First Witnesses Testify.

Santa Fe, N. M., April 14.—The trial of Albert W. Blancett, charged with the murder of Clyde Armour and stated that he expected to prove by testimony that the young defendant was the writer.

The letter, mailed at Seattle, January 12, and addressed to the governor of New Mexico, read:

You are trying to hang the wrong man. I murdered Clyde Armour and by the time this letter reaches you I will be in Canada.

Witnesses last night were bookkeeper William J. Reeves, of the Thomas Cusack company, of Denver, who identified the signature of Blancett while an employee there; Earl D. Cordova, of Arco, N. M., who states he knew Blancett there and met him in Santa Fe, October 27, Mrs. Ben Hebranson, of Minot, N. D., daughter of Mrs. Armour. With her mother she accompanied Armour in the car on his ill-fated trip as far as Clark's Nebraska.

EXAMINED FOR POLICE JOBS.

Approximately 50 applicants have taken the examination for positions on the police force. Fifty took the examination Friday before C. J. Henry, secretary of the civil service commission. The examination was held in the council chamber. Those that pass will be placed on the classification list.

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LEA TURNS CITY OVER TO DAVIS

New Officials Take Oath; Employees Give Lea Chest of Silverware.

Charles Davis, mayor-elect of the city of El Paso, his board of aldermen consisting of J. P. O'Connor, Frank H. Simmons, W. G. Jolly and R. C. Semple; David Sullivan, treasurer, Charles Pollock, corporation judge, and William P. McLean, tax assessor collector, took the oath of office in the council chamber Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

The oath was administered by city clerk J. P. Dawson. The council chamber was filled with prominent men and women of the city. There was much cheering for mayor Tom Lea and his retiring aldermen, J. W. Fisher and R. H. Stevens. As they left their chairs and Mr. Davis and the new aldermen took charge of the affairs of the city they were given an ovation.

On behalf of the city employees, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lea were presented with a beautiful chest of silverware by Mr. McLean. On the chest was a silver plate inscribed "To Tom Lea, mayor of the city of El Paso, 1915-17, presented by his loyal friends and employees."

You have been our chief magistrate for the past two years, during which time none of us have received at your hands an unjust or unfair reprimand, for such injustices are every human being liable for, but on the other hand your reprimands or criticisms have been constructive and of benefit to us.

With this feeling then let me assure you of the absolute confidence and loyalty the city employees have had in your direction of the city's affairs. I am also reminded of that ever kindly spirit you have shown in interest in our personal affairs, which only a friend thoroughly in sympathy with the wants and needs of his fellowman can appreciate. In conclusion I am asked to pledge unqualified support and loyalty to the new administration, mayor Davis and aldermen.

Mayor Davis was presented with a beautiful bouquet of sweet peas and tulips by the Thornhill Floral company.

When the council met the election returns were canvassed. The result of the vote was read by the city clerk.

Lea Compliments His Aldermen.
Mayor Lea then made a brief talk, in which he complimented the aldermen on the fact that many important issues would come up before him for consideration, that he had acted on these issues and believed he and the aldermen had done what was the best for all interests concerned.

He said that it was largely through the cooperation of the four aldermen that he had been able to meet these issues and act on them for the best interests of all concerned. He paid a compliment to the four aldermen for their loyalty and cooperation.

Takes Baby's Boot, Last Act.
The mayor said he knew Charles Davis as mayor would measure up to the high type of citizenship that the office required and that he would be supported by the four aldermen.

Mr. Lea said he was leaving the office with no enmity towards anyone. He said that his last official act when he left the council chamber would be to enter his office and take home with him a little baby's boot, the foot of his son which, he said, had been on his desk during his two year term of office. When he saw it each day, the mayor said, it brought to his mind his boys and his duty to them and to the citizens of El Paso.

Appreciates Citizens' Esteem.
Mr. Lea in accepting the chest of silverware said that he could not find words to express his appreciation for the token. He said he would rather have the high esteem of the citizens of El Paso than all the gold in the world.

City attorney J. H. McBroome, on behalf of the aldermen, paid a tribute to mayor Lea and his administration. He said the mayor had done his duty. He also paid a compliment to mayor-elect Davis.

Coles Speaks for Citizens.
A. P. Coles on behalf of the citizens of El Paso paid tribute to mayor Lea and his board of aldermen, and to Charles Davis and the board.

Hopes to Emulate Father.
Mayor Davis made a short talk in which he said that his father had been mayor of El Paso and that he hoped he would make as good a mayor as his father had. He said he intended giving the people of El Paso the best he had in him while in office. He paid a compliment to mayor Lea and his administration. He said he was not going into office to make a clean sweep by discharging city employees.

The new executive said he will make a thorough investigation as to the ability and qualifications of all the employees before making any changes. If the employee is worthy, he said, he would retain him in his present position.

Among those present at the transfer of administration were: Mrs. Charles Davis and daughter, Mrs. J. P. Coles, Mrs. Will Wise, Mrs. James Vance and

El Paso's New Mayor; Pioneer City Builder



MAYOR CHARLES DAVIS.

CHARLES DAVIS, El Paso's new mayor, was born at Bryan, Texas, July 29, 1877, and came to El Paso when his father moved here in 1881. He was reared in this city and attended the old Central school where Elks' home is now located. He attended the Bingham school several years and graduated from the Virginia Military institute.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Mr. Davis took an active part in politics, even before he became a lawyer. In 1904 served a term as county tax collector and was then sent by the Democrats of El Paso county to the state legislature, where he served with distinction, and was the youngest lawmaker in the state at that time.

On retiring from the legislature Mr. Davis married and, yielding to the call of the farm, took active charge of his plantation on the Brazos and farmed successfully several years. But he wanted to get back to El Paso, where a great city was being built. It was his desire to take an active part in the building, so he sold the plantation and returned to El Paso, where he associated himself with his brother, Lamar Davis, in the real estate and insurance business.

Since his return to El Paso Mr. Davis has been in the front ranks of the real builders of El Paso. He is a young business man of ability and has made a success.

He was reluctant to yield to the persuasions of his friends and the business men of El Paso to run for mayor, but his father, the late captain, had served this city as mayor from 1885 to 1907, and sentiment, a desire to follow in the footsteps of his sire, had much to do in influencing Mr. Davis to finally accept the nomination for mayor.

Mrs. J. F. Williams, A. P. Coles, Robert Kravak, W. J. Rand, John W. Wray, fire chief; J. H. McBroome, city attorney; Harry M. Williams, J. H. Webb, Otto C. Coles, R. C. Ritchie, Peyton J. Edwards, Jack Burton, E. H. Hall, G. H. Higgins, Capt. L. W. Hall, A. C. Graham, J. H. Mayhew, L. H. Davis, Ponder S. Carter, C. W. Croome, Haymon Krupp, Ed. Haight, Chas. Stewart, J. H. Stewart, Norman Walker and H. Y. Ellis.

Treasurer Hands Over Cash.
At 10 o'clock Saturday morning Chas. A. Kinne, the city treasurer, had his books and cash ready to turn over to his successor, Dave Sullivan. The money, \$26,622.53, was in four checks, drawn on four banks, for the following amount: American Trust & Savings bank, \$180,150; El Paso Bank & Trust company, \$115; Security Trust & Savings bank, \$180,150; Texas Bank & Trust Co., \$268,162.53.

Percy W. Williams, of the Kinne company, has been keeping the city treasurer's books.

Serenade Lea At Train.
At the Union passenger station Saturday afternoon when Mr. Lea took the Golden State Limited for Washington, D. C., on a trip involving legal business city employees and officials formed a farewell crowd, having arranged a serenade by the Chihuahua orchestra for the former mayor.

Davis Keeps Flags Flying.
The first official act of mayor Charles Davis, upon being sworn in, was to issue an order that American flags be kept flying in all the parks, plazas, on the city hall, on school buildings and other city buildings each day of the year. This custom since Mr. Lea took office two years ago.

WEATHER BULLETIN

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BUREAU.

Observation taken at El Paso, April 14, 1917.

Forecast.
El Paso and vicinity generally cloudy tonight and Sunday.

New Mexico.—Fair west, snow, moderate rain south, but portion tonight or Sunday morning, change in temperature, lower Rio Grande valley 45 to 50 degrees.

Arizona.—Fair tonight or Sunday night, but snow late tonight or Sunday morning, not much change in temperature.

West Texas.—Tonight and Sunday generally cloudy.

Relative humidity in El Paso at noon yesterday and today.

Lowest Temp. last night.

Temp. at 8 a. m.

Atmosphere.

Comparative El Paso Precipitation.

'LIVE' WIRE KILLS CHILD

Milton Kriss, Four Year Old Boy, Electrocuted, While at Play on Street.

Milton Kriss, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kriss, 1424 Myrtle avenue, was instantly killed Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, when he took hold of a "live" wire that had dropped from a pole in front of the office of the Long Lumber company, at Myrtle and Cotton avenues, a short distance from the home of the child.

The little boy and a playmate were playing in front of the lumber yard. Supt. George F. Morris, of the El Paso Electric railway company, hurried to the scene of the accident, and the body of the child to the office of Dr. R. P. Stevens, in the Roberts-Banner building, without stopping to notify the mother of the accident, and she knew of it only after efforts had been begun to save her son's life by use of a pulmotor. Reaching the doctor's office with her husband, she was told that the little one was dead, in a delicate condition. Mrs. Kriss was prostrated by the announcement.

The body was taken to the Koster undertaking house. Mr. Kriss is employed by Fischel Brothers, tailors, in the City National bank building.

HENRY HUFFMAN, BURNED IN GASOLINE EXPLOSION, DIES

Henry J. Huffman, 25 years of age, unmarried, who was badly burned in a gasoline tank explosion on the duty farm, near Anthony, N. M., early last week, died of his injuries Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. His body has been taken to the Peak undertaking house, where funeral services will be held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment will be in Evergreen cemetery.

Mr. Huffman is survived by his sister, Mrs. H. P. Huffman, who was his sister when he died. She has a sister, Mrs. J. Sweeney, living at La Mesa, N. M., in the Mesa valley.

SLAIN TROOPER'S BODY SHIPPED; SERGEANT HELD

The body of trooper "Tex" Bramlett who was killed Thursday night by a pistol shot at the Seventh cavalry camp, Camp Stewart, was shipped Saturday morning to Fort Sam Houston, Tex., for burial. The soldier was a member of troop I, seventh cavalry.

Sgt. A. McCreath, troop H, seventh cavalry, has been arrested by military officers while an investigation of the death of trooper Bramlett is being conducted by a military board.

SERGEANT GORDON HOOD

Gordon Hood, 35 years old, sergeant in battery E, Eighth field artillery, died in the military hospital at Fort Bliss at 1:15 o'clock Friday morning. He was a native of El Paso. Funeral arrangements will be made at the Peak undertaking house.

SGT. GORDON HOOD

The funeral of Sgt. Gordon Hood, battery E, Eighth field artillery, was held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from the chapel of the Peak undertaking company. The body was sent to his father, R. C. Hood, at Florence, Alabama.

WILLIAM BOLLMAN

The funeral of William Bollman, who died at his home, 409 South Union street, Thursday morning, will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the chapel of the Peak undertaking company.

MRS. MINNIE WIELAND

Mrs. Minnie Wieland died Thursday in Emporia, Kas. She was the sister of Mrs. J. E. Morgan, Mrs. Joseph Dunn.

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CAMPBELL PLANS DEFENCE COUNCIL

Arizona Governor Calls Conference for April 18; To Enlarge Food Supply.

Phoenix, Ariz., April 14.—Governor Campbell has entered upon the organization of an Arizona council of defense, to which he will invite representatives of the various industries of the state, to plan for the protection and development of industries, for the enlargement of the production of food-stuffs and to secure the best possible use of state and privately-owned lands. Publicity has not been given the names of the members, who are to be called together at the capital April 18. Tom Mix, a Los Angeles cowboy film star, formerly a ranch rider near Prescott and an old friend of the governor, has been offered the state the post of a well-trained troop of cowboy cavalrymen. Another offer that may be possible to accept comes from a high Mormon official at Mesa of a company of Mormons for the National guard regiment, with a proviso that the officers also shall be Mormons.

Mrs. P. J. Connolly and T. C. McCarthy, of El Paso, her son, George Wieland, was visiting Mrs. J. E. Morgan at the time of his mother's death. Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Wieland have gone to Kansas for the funeral services.

SCHOOL REVENUES AND COST REPORTED BY THE AUDITOR

Revenues for the city schools for the month of March totaled \$1,196.93, and for the seven months this year \$41,541.81, according to the monthly report of P. E. Sawyer, auditor. During the same seven months last year the total revenue was only \$25,746.29.

The total expenditure was \$36,211.93 for the month, and \$212,095.61 for the seven months, as compared with \$174,356.87 for the seven months of 1916.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS ON T. & P. RY. ANNOUNCED

D. L. Ray, division freight agent of the Texas & Pacific railroad here, received very advice Saturday, announcing the appointment, effective Monday, April 16, of L. M. Griffin as freight traffic manager with headquarters at Dallas, Tex., and of J. B. Payne, as assistant freight traffic manager with headquarters at New Orleans, La. The appointments were made by N. M. Leach, general traffic manager of the Texas & Pacific.

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Alhambra

LAST showing today of the William Fox Picture wherein George Walsh does a strenuous role.

Saturday George Walsh in "Melting Millions"

Sunday Robert Warwick in "The Family Honor"

THE setting of the Sunday Picture is in Virginia. A weeping son allows his brother to shoulder his guilt. The leading role is in Capable hands—Robert Warwick.

PAY FOR OLD CENTRAL STATION. W. J. Rand and J. M. Dudley, who purchased the central police and fire station property, have paid to the city treasurer the sum of \$16,990. The city has purchased the property at Overland and Campbell for the proposed new fire station, which will cost \$22,500.

It pays to paint with Patton's San Proof Paints. Lander Lumber Co.—Adv.



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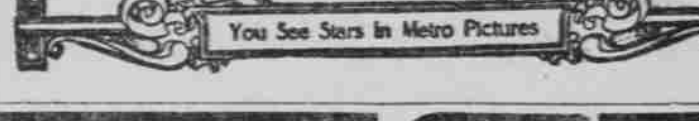
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